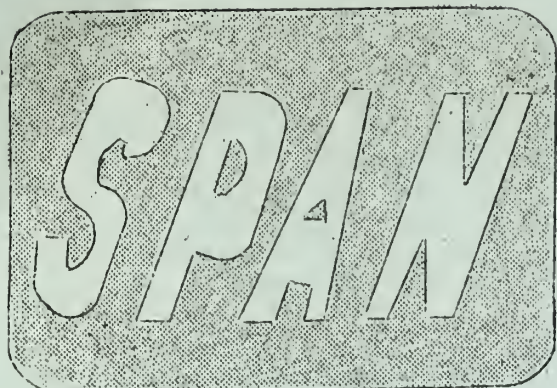


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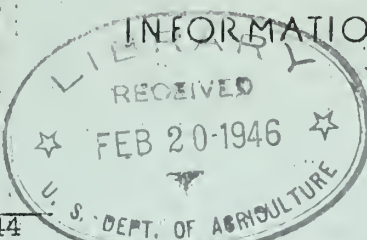


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### LEVIS ESTATE HIKE

The Alton Special, a species of galloping boxcar with cushions, shook and bounced 22 REA hikers to the end of the line--Alton on the Mississippi. Without further to do, we quickly left the station behind with Joe Quinn leading the gayly chattering hikers. Along the river bank road still littered with wood from last year's flood, we slowly gained on our objective, a red roof nestled amid a forest of green atop a high bluff. Pulling up at the base of the perpendicular bluff, we hurled ourselves into the forest green through briars and poison ivy (Ruth Thompson and Margaret Walker will vouch for the poison ivy).

When we reached the top completely out of breath, we rested, then ambled into a magnificent old English style cottage. The cottage was situated on the top of the bluff one foot from the edge. From inside, you could look miles up and down the Mississippi and across country.

After admiring the cottage and wishing it was ours, we began a tour of the grounds. First, the sunken gardens with blazing and exquisite plots of colored flowers; the surrounding green shubbery and trees, all like an entrancing dream. Next the stables with its thoroughbred horses and cattle - one horse the World Champion for 1940.

Hunger soon overcame us all and hot dogs and a steak were put on the fire and shortly everyone was chomping their food. The sun shone, the breeze wandered here and there, and we relaxed on our (for a day) green carpet. Oh boy, what a life!

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Glenn B. Roloson, John Samokar\*, Emily M. Scott, James N. Thompson\*, Thelma L. Chambers, James R. Cobb, Thomas P. Branch, Harry R. Smith\*, Ralph M. Wood\*, Cora C. Henderson, Edward F. Hutelmyer, John A. Tierney, Estelle G. Budde, Clara Nale Gentle, Lester H. Reynolds\*, Herbert G. Bryan, Anita E. Johnson\*, William L. Page, Ernest L. Rushmer\*, John E. Donahue, Boyce P. Hardman, Wm. C. Wise\*.

\* Military Furlough.

WANTED-- Small furnished apartment, October 15th. Mildred Roth.

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. How much does each covered employee contribute to the Retirement Fund?
- A. Five percent of his basic salary.
- Q. Are deductions withheld on overtime pay?
- A. No. Bonuses, overtime pay, or other additional amounts are excluded from consideration.
- Q. Was this contribution rate always the same?
- A. No. The rate of deduction was  $2\frac{1}{2}$  percent from August 1, 1920 to June 30, 1926;  $3\frac{1}{2}$  percent during the period from July 1, 1926 to June 30, 1942, and has been 5 percent from July 1, 1942.
- Q. May an employee who secured a retirement status after 8-1-20 receive credit for his prior service?
- A. Yes. Credit is allowable for all services rendered as an employee of the Federal Government or of the District of Columbia Government, as well as for honorable military or naval service in forming the basis for benefits under some other law.
- Q. What is the basis for crediting military or naval service where the individual is receiving another benefit?
- A. If he is in receipt of compensation under the Veterans Administration by reason of a service-connected disability, this benefit is based upon the disease or injury and not upon length of service and the total military or naval service may be credited for civil retirement purposes. In case a pension on account of service or by reason of nonservice-connected disability has been awarded, he may receive retirement credit for all military or naval service except the minimum period (generally 90 days) required for title to the pension. Should the employee be receiving retired pay, none of his military or naval service is available for civil retirement credit.
- Q. Is military or naval service performed after final separation from civilian employment creditable?
- A. No.

### MESSAGE

The following letter was received by a member of the staff; "Thank you for your sincere letter at the time of the passing of my husband. REA was dear to his heart and I do hope it goes forward in its mission as he would have it do.

Sincerely,

signed Mrs. Geo. W. Norris"

### GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Glenn B. Roloson, 14 yrs, 6 mos. (REA 7 yrs. 6 mos.)  
Thelma L. Chambers, 11 yrs (REA 2 yrs. 1 mo.)  
William L. Page, 20 yrs, 9 mos. (REA 2 yrs. 11 mos.)



# DIDJAKNOWTHAT

'Tis only natural that such highly intelligent, handsome and talented people would arouse the ire of those who have not been so favored by the Gods but just why anyone would go so far as to attempt extermination, as witnessed by that fine but devastating aroma permeating the atmosphere for some days past, is now the burning and \$64 question. Could it be but retributive justice meted out by those who have lost to our more than favored group their super-salesman now that his illustrious promotional activities have left but barren ground for further super-salesmanship. Everything else seems to be at sixes and sevens also. Our eminent President has been vetty, vetty much disturbed and had reached the point where he was about to send out the call for a whoopee room, rumpus room or even a big backyard where our annual Halloween party could be held. However, 'twon't be necessary for it has now been decided that the ghosts, goblins and witches will frolic at the Kingsway Hotel, come Saturday, October 28th. Put on your thinking caps, boys and girls, and plan for your disguise. Still no pin boys - no bowling - and all suggestions that some of our Pin-Up Boys might officiate in this capacity, and with the most beneficial results to their "figgers", have met with an icy glare so until such time as a few energetic males appear upon the horizon looks as though no scores is the order of the day. John Asher, Potentate of the Liaison Office and patron of Omar the Tent Maker, sends word that our column is not explicit and leaves him confused - (wonder what he thinks it leaves us) - now, John, if we came right before "you know who" and everyone 'twould be the dog-house seven days per week rather than just the day following publication. One hesitates to question the whys, wherefors or manner in which these (undoubtedly from the kindness of their hearts) assist in the education of the masses but there are those who are just itching to know why Personnel thinks up all the questions and answers too. Claim that's easy and the suggestion has been made that it might be much more enlightening if they would answer some of the questions which the average run-of-the-mine employe could think up. Think of all the fun, too - but for whom hasn't been figured out yet. 'Twas a party for Jim Weeks who is leaving Info to be associated with a paper at The Dalles, Oregon and so what could have been more appreciated than the fine box of trout flies which the M.M.'ers gave to Jim as a going away present. A fine party it was with all in a gay mood though from all reports decorum reigned supreme - what no zombies? And it was also a merry party - or should one say parties - given for G. Dillon's decoy, that G.g.t.t.w., Lt. Russ and Mrs. Rehn who visited in St. L. last week. One of the gay spots of the town was the rendezvous and George could be seen flitting 'round and 'round with a darkeyed gal who looks most demure and feminine but can she swing a wicked paint brush. Turns out such a fine job that she and L. Lauth are thinking seriously of taking on a few jobs such as painting, papering, calcimining, hanging or re-hanging windows, doors or any other little gadgets that may have gone haywire with the wear and tear of every day life. SPAN will no doubt soon carry a fine big ad to this effect and also there is no moving of rugs, furniture, curtains or etc. when these two gnomes get to work. At another rendezvous were seen R. Rice, the same George, the same darkeyed enchantress aided and abetted by one Vi Schmidt showing a couple of the neophytes, B. Bills and H. Hilliard

what a time one can have for himself if one but knows the way 'round. And we have amongst us anonymous card senders. The most frightening things to behold (the card not the donors) and written in such wierd hierglyphics that threats of the Ku Klux Klan or other non-liberal organizations loomed in the imagination. When turned over to the FBI's hand writing expert the answer was only a psychiatrist could fathom the mystery so to a psychiatrist was it sent whose verdict was IQ Wobbling. QED. Word comes via the New York Times that Kendall Foss, now contributing editor to Time Magazine and one time member of the Info Staff, has been awarded the Neiman Fellowship for a year's study at Haryard U. along with two other correspondents who were not lucky enough to have worked for REA. HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE: Lovely Pat Cratty, the world forgotten but by the world not forgot, looking soulfully into the eyes of the most bea-u-tiful GI Joe while he stroked her shining tresses and whispered sweet nothings while another GI and an unidentified femme gazed in wonder at his technique - or call it what you will and right out on B'way too; Mrs. Ragland's soldier husband with 9 more missions than given credit for by our reporter last week - 'scuse it please; Erna Gerecke resigning to take up her paint brushes and palette at Washington U; Jane Schade attending a church picnic - and on a Sabbath - and then coming home with the bacon which she won at games of chance - no foolin' a whole side of bacon and no points; Walter Boster, that Romeo of the Fins (seems like they have myriads of 'em) giving the femmes an all out treat while he promenades the highways and byways in his State Guard Uniform and nonchalantly waves his FDR cig holder; L. Bartz, still believing in fairies, wanting a piano but might settle for a harmonica or a bit of whoop-la if one should call her on 407; Ruth Shepherd sitting on top of the world on account her one and only is home on furlo; Rachel Maddox back at D&C after a sojourn with the Liaison Off. but refuses to divulge any news at all 'though every effort was made to assure her that only her version would be published and no imaginative probabilities would take its place - but no soap; Major Willard Bixby reporting he ran into Captain John Eddy, both A&L field men, but in a very different field - Belgium; Garnet Chaloupka on the up grade after an operation at a St. L. hospital.

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